

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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CREATION OF ADDITIONAL STORAGE FACILITY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to build additional storage capacity for grains and have floated global tenders for grain silos in 20 different locations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the silos will have grading system for different varieties of grains to ensure better quality assessment; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a): With a view to minimise storage and transit losses and to introduce modern technology in bulk grains handling, storage and transportation of foodgrains, the Government proposes to create bulk handling, storage and transportation facilities at 10 locations in producing and consuming areas through private sector participation. However, International Competitive Bids (ICB) for these facilities are yet to be invited. In the first stage, Expression of interest from interested parties would be invited by RITES on behalf of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) after which ICB from shortlisted parties shall be invited.

(b): The FCI, has identified following ten locations with a total capacity of 21 lakh tons for the creation of bulk handling, storage and transportation facilities :

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Place	Capacity
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Procuring State

1. Punjab	i.	Nabha	3 Lakh Tones
	ii.	Barnala	do
	iii.	Moga	do

2. Haryana	i.	Sirsa	3 Lakh tones
	ii.	Kaithal	do
Consuming States			

3. West Bental	i.	Hooghly	1 Lakh Tones
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4. Tamil Nadu	i.	Chennai	1 Lakh Tones
	ii.	Coimbatore	do

5. Karnataka	i.	Bangalore	1 Lakh tones
6. Maharashtra	i.	Navi Mumbai	2 Lakh tones

TOTAL			21 lakh tones
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In addition, it has been decided to create facilities for 1 Lakh MT at the port town of Pipavav (Gujarat) through Central Warehousing Corporation.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): These infrastructures will have modern facilities for monitoring the quality of foodgrains at the time of receipt and despatch. Mechanised facilities for fumigation of foodgrains from insect control, aeration and turnover will also be available.